

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a personal interview on May 4, 2004.

The following remarks are fully and completely responsive to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. Claims 13, 14 and 16-19 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Office Action claims 13, 14 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)(two different rejections). No new matter is presented. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the favorable consideration of claims 13, 14 and 16-19.

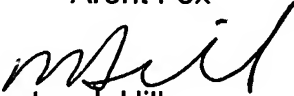
Claims 13, 14 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) (two different rejections) as being anticipated by Owada.

As discussed and agreed to in the personal interview on May 4, 2004, Owada fails to teach and/or suggest the invention recited in claims 13, 14, and 16-19. Accordingly Owada was withdrawn as a prior art reference. Therefore, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and that this application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

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